
6

Action Item

Governmental Relations Committee

Approval of the Minutes of the April 3, 2001, Meetings

MINUTES

Governmental Relations Committee

Meeting of April 3, 2001

Committee members present Howard Welinsky, *Chair*
Evonne Seron Schulze, *Vice Chair*
Phillip J. Forhan
Robert A. Hanff
Lance Izumi
Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr.
Olivia K. Singh
Alan S. Arkatov, *ex officio*
Carol Chandler, *ex officio*

Other Commissioners present
Kyo "Paul" Jhin
Ralph Pesqueira
Peter Preuss
Melinda G. Wilson

Call to order Committee Chair Howard Welinsky convened the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Approval of the minutes A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the Commission meeting of February 5 and March 15, 2001. It was moved, seconded and approved without dissent to adopt the minutes.

Legislative update, April 2001 Staff member Marge Chisholm summarized the meeting held on March 15, 2001 by the Governmental Relations Committee. Ms. Chisholm advocated a watch on a number of bills in the matrix and commented upon two bills -- AB 1721 and AB 1720 -- that the Commission will be sponsoring this year. She explained the layout of the bill matrix and pointed out what the annotations within the document meant. Three bond bills for higher education and K-12 funding -- AB 16, AB 1299 and SB 844 -- were brought to the Commission's attention. Ms. Chisholm recommended that AB 283 should be removed from the matrix.

Director Fox asked the AICCU if it had any comment on removal of AB 283 from the matrix. Juan Yniguez, Senior Vice President of AICCU, asked the Commission not to oppose AB 283 because it does not involve a State subsidy. Committee Chair Welinsky asked for unanimous consent to remove AB 283 from the matrix. Hearing no objection, he removed it. Ms. Chisholm recommended that the rest of the matrix be adopted as amended.

It was moved, seconded, and approved without dissent to adopt the matrix as amended.

**Federal update,
April 2001** Staff member Karl M. Engelbach highlighted four issues, the first of which relates to President Bush's budget proposal. He stated that the president is scheduled to release the details of the proposed budget appropriations for all federal programs and that he would share them with the committee. Secondly, he noted a lot of activity happening in terms of reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The third issue was the National Governors Association's launch of a one-year campaign to bring greater attention to higher education in both federal and state policy discussions.

Adjournment Having no further business, Commissioner Welinsky adjourned the committee meeting at 10:13 a.m.
